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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Members Present

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

Guests Present

Smith, Rick

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Guidry, Doreen – East Co. Fire Protection District

Contract Staff Present

Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire

County Staff Present

DeGracia, Rosemarie
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done. Chairperson Savage thanked all the people who were part of the fire and rescue services for their efforts over the past few weeks, as well as businesses who provided food and produce during the October wild fires. Santana High School was set up as a shelter and was highly impacted by large numbers of people at times.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Allen Carlisle, to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Rosemarie DeGracia, County EMS)

Total expenditures from July through October, 2007 are approximately \$690,000 with total revenue \$395,000. Property tax revenue won't show up until around December, 2007 or January, 2008.

Current cash balance is \$750,000. Ms. DeGracia converses with representatives from the billing company ADPI (Advanced Data Processing Inc.). **ACTION: It was requested that if the Advisory Board members could receive fiscal year comparisons from the last few years that would be helpful, e.g. July to July. ADPI will be sending Ms. DeGracia their projected financial estimate for this year and when received, Ms. DeGracia will forward that on to Advisory Board members.**

B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., County EMS)

Ms. Metz introduced Rebecca Pate, R.N., County EMS Quality Assurance Specialist. Ms. Pate will now serve as the liaison to CSA-69 and attend future meetings.

Ms. DeGracia has received a promotional opportunity within the County and will be leaving EMS in the near future.

EMS has been extremely busy over the last few weeks with the October, 2007 wild fires and the operation of the Medical Operations Center at EMS. Two hospitals were evacuated within the County and EMS assisted with evacuating thirteen skilled nursing facilities, not including those who self-evacuated. Many recommendations that came out of the 2003 wild fires were implemented this year.

C. Agency Reports

Santee Fire: In the process of hiring four new paramedics who should begin employment soon (November or December, 2007). This will be followed by a three weekend fire academy and then a eight-shift observation period. Santee Fire recently purchased two Auto Pulse boards and they are located on the medic units.

Most transport units have AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) in them now as do all Santee public schools. **ACTION: Chairperson Savage stated that he would like to do a press release on AED's from the CSA-69 to the community, but would need more information from Dr. Haynes if he could provide that.**

Lakeside Fire: The Heartland agencies which include all the nearby cities and South Bay cities as well, were able to field 45 engines and sent them to respective fires during the wild fires.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

A number of experienced nurses such as Mary Meadows-Pitt and Sharon Carlson from Sharp Grossmont were a tremendous help in the MOC during the wild fires. The County Ambulance Association representative was a great asset as well and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping was most beneficial. With GIS, staff could see the entire County and facilities on a map as the fire progressed and could plan on what to do next. Pomerado and Fallbrook Hospitals were completely evacuated. Approximately 2,000 people were evacuated from nursing homes in the County. Volunteers with the Medical Reserve Corps assisted by helping in shelters with medical evaluations and prescription fillings. There was at least one public health nurse in each shelter. Orange and Riverside Counties assisted with strike team ambulances. Two thousand horses and one zebra were evacuated to the Del Mar Fairgrounds. DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Teams) were brought in through the federal government and staff assisted in shelters and went into rural areas to perform evaluations. State Licensing and Certification went out to the evacuated hospitals and nursing homes to make sure they were adequately cleaned and habitable before patients were brought back in.

The new STEMI heart attack system has been going well for the first six months with an average door-to-balloon time of 65 minutes.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS